

Fire Safety Code Board

Of Appeal and Reveiw

Minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at their headquarters located at 1 Regan Court in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Coutu, Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Preiss, Blackburn, Fillippi, Richard, Blackburn , Jasparro, Walker, Jackson and Dais. Commissioner Pearson was absent from the hearing. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL #090118: Mr. Ronald M. Izzo, for the property located at 24 Tappan Street, Providence. DSFM Christine Kent appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship for the headroom, winders and stairs of this facility. The Board also grants the State Fire Marshal's Office the discretion to approve a certificate of occupancy for the facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090033: Quaker Lane Properties, for the property located at 3666 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingston Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Dais, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to

grant a variance for the headroom issue on the proposed two second floor storage areas with no objection from the North Kingstown fire marshals. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060670: SHP Management Corp., for the property located at 156 Bear Hill Road, Cumberland. ADFM Kyle Garon appeared for the North Cumberland Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the applicant a variance on the basis of structural hardship for the height of the cited pull stations, but the cited pull stations must be changed from single action to double action. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn recusing himself.

APPEAL #060805: Mr. Bill Gleeson, for the property located at 1557 West Main Road, Portsmouth. ADSFM Jeff Lynch and ADSFM Philip Simmons appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dais made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days in which to have the cited interior wood paneling treated with a Class C finish, to install domestically supplied sprinkler protection in the furnace room and to install a fire rated door with self closers to achieve separation between the mercantile and storage area. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060954: Mr. Kevin Lopes Jr., for the property located at 275 Depot Street, Portsmouth. ADSFM Jeffrey Lynch and ADSFM Philip

Simmons appeared for the Portsmouth Fire Marshal's Office. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the applicant a time variance of 120 days to bring the sprinkler system into compliance. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050450: Richard Land, Esq. for the property located at 135 Dodge Street, Providence. DSFM Paul Manning appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackburn and seconded by Commissioner Richard to approve the applicant's plan of action, and to authorize the State Fire Marshal's Office to allow side wall sprinkler coverage in shower rooms and extend any deadlines that been set by the Board, if the applicant is showing a good faith effort. The Board advised the applicant that the file remains open and they may return to the Board if the Marshals deem it necessary. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060831: Mr. Michael Neri, for the property located at 2909 Tower Hill Road, South Kingstown. ADSFM Robert Emmott appeared for the South Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dais made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 30 days to submit a plan of action for the installation of a fire alarm system and an additional 120 days in which to have the fire alarm system installed with the South Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office having the authority to grant the applicant additional time to comply, if the applicant is showing a good faith effort. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070299: Jessica and Peter Masci, for the property located at 52 High Street, Wakefield. ADSFM Robert Emmott appeared for the South Kingstown Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Newbrook and seconded by Commissioner Richard to grant the Applicant a variance of 30 days to prepare a plan of action for the correction of the deficiencies in this facility and an additional 120 days to implement the plan, to include the addition of a horn and strobe light to the fire suppression system. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060946: Ms. Ann Rogan, for the property located at 91 Wentworth Avenue, Cranston. Chief of Inspections Scott Caron appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackburn and seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Richard to grant the Applicant a variance of 30 days in which to have the sprinkler system inspected. The motion passed with Commissioner Walker recusing himself.

APPEAL #080222: Ms. Ann Rogan, for the property located at 95 Wentworth Avenue, Cranston. Chief of Inspections Scott Caron appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. A motion was made by Commissioner Blackburn and seconded by Vice Chairman Newbrook and Commissioner Richard to grant the Applicant a time variance of 30 days in which to have the sprinkler system inspected. The motion passed with Commissioner Walker recusing himself.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Peter Taraian of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Providence, for the following properties.

APPEAL #050047: 33 Maple Avenue, North Providence

APPEAL #050200: 550 Branch Avenue, Providence

APPEAL #050607: 90 Ives Street, Providence

APPEAL #050644: 11 Louisa Street, Providence

DSFM Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the applicant a time variance until January 1, 2010 to bring these facilities into compliance at the direction and to the satisfaction of the State Fire Marshal's Office. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070480 and APPEAL #080150: Ms. Carole Payne, for the property located at 000 Ocean Avenue, Block Island. Vice Chairman Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dias, to grant the applicant a time variance to keep this facility open until the end of the year, provided that the applicant agrees to install a K-type fire extinguisher by June. The motion passed with Commissioner Blackburn and Commissioner Walker opposing the vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Desiree Campanini